

MEETING TITLE: Vaccine Advisory Committee (VAC) Quarterly Meeting

DATE: July 14, 2005

Attendees:

Janna Bardi	DOH (Department of Health) Immunization Program Manager
Maureen Brown	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Family Physicians (AAFP)
Carolyn Coyne	Medical Assistance Administration (MAA)
Jeff Duchin	Public Health Seattle & King County
Maxine Hayes	DOH State Health Officer
Patty Hayes	DOH Assistant Secretary, Community and Family Health
Jan Hicks-Thomson	DOH Immunization Program
Jo Hofmann	State Epidemiologist
Lisa Jackson	Group Health Cooperative
Neil Kaneshiro	Washington Chapter, American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP)
Zachary Miller	VAC Consultant, Group Health Cooperative
Carlos Quintanilla	DOH Immunization Program
Ed Steinweg	VAC Consultant, Olympia Pediatrics
Greg Stern	Health Officer, Whatcom County Health and Human Services Department
Kim Thorburn	Health Officer, Spokane Regional Health District
Lin Watson	DOH Immunization Program
Donna Zimburean	Washington Chapter Pediatric Nurse Practitioners

Recorder:

Claire Norby	DOH Immunization Program
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Agenda Items	Discussion/Recommendations	Decisions Made/Follow-Up Completed
<p>Welcome and Introductions, Changes to Agenda</p> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Dr. Maxine Hayes welcomed meeting attendees and visitors.</p> <p>Visitors included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Larry Barge, GlaxoSmithKline • Scott Burns, Merck Vaccines • Marcie Cleaver, Merck Vaccines • Juli Coburn, Wyeth Vaccines • Adrienne Conlin, Sanofi Pasteur • Jennifer Erwin, MedImmune, Inc. • Steven Frawley, Sanofi Pasteur • Betsy Hubbard, Public Health-Seattle & King County • Amy Jungmann, Thurston County Public Health • Rachel Knowlton, Sanofi Pasteur • Gayle M. Lanier, Snohomish Health District • Cindy Smith, Tacoma/Pierce County Health Dept. • Cynthia Shurtleff, Washington IACW 	
<p>Conflict of Interest Policy</p> <p>Patty Hayes</p>	<p>Assistant Secretary of Health Patty Hayes read the Conflict of Interest policy. No conflicts were noted.</p> <p>Handouts: Washington State VAC Conflict of Interest Policy (1/24/02)</p>	

<p>State Board of Health Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Varicella School and Childcare Entry Requirement • Agency next steps (implementation, funding, communication) <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>The State Board of Health unanimously voted to require varicella vaccine for child care and school entry starting July 1, 2006, specifically for children 19 months through 12 years of age. Currently, the coverage rate for Washington state is 77.7%. DOH is developing an implementation plan and will request funding to support increased vaccine need. State funds to support purchase of additional vaccine will be included in the supplemental budget.</p> <p>In discussion of vaccine exemptions, the Neil Halsey article regarding exemption criteria was cited.</p> <p>An article in the AAP newsletter regarding the process for making vaccines available was also cited.</p> <p>Committee members inquired about the quality of Washington State's exemption data</p>	<p><i>Alan Hinman's e-mail about the NVAC vaccine selection working groups was posted to the VAC Listserv on Aug. 10.</i></p> <p><i>DOH will forward the articles to VAC members.</i></p> <p><i>DOH forwarded Washington State exemption data through the VAC listserv on August 8.</i></p>
<p>Meningococcal Conjugate Vaccine (MCV4)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cost and implementation within the universal distribution system <p>Matrix Cost Recommendation</p> <p>Janna Bardi</p>	<p>DOH is looking at specific ways to implement meningococcal conjugate (MCV4) vaccine in Washington State. The cost estimate described on the matrix is based on 60% of adolescents presenting at a healthcare provider's for a medical checkup. The matrix is aligned with ACIP recommendations.</p> <p>After review and discussion, the Committee proposed the following recommendations (in the column to the right).</p> <p>Maxine mentioned an article regarding meningococcal disease carriage rates in the UK that she would like to forward to the Committee.</p> <p>The Committee would appreciate receiving the handouts discussed during the meeting in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>Handouts: Meningococcal Vaccine Recommendation Discussion and Matrix dated 7/14/05</p>	<p>Proposed recommendations as posted to the Listserv for final approval on July 29: <i>Table the meningococcal vaccine use recommendation until the Public Health Criteria Taskforce makes their recommendations to the VAC. Meanwhile, supplemental budget coverage for meningococcal conjugate vaccine will move forward on a provisional basis.</i> (The proposal was seconded and passed unanimously.)</p> <p><i>Prioritize the highest risk groups, including college-bound students during a period of meningococcal</i></p>

		<p><i>conjugate vaccine shortage. Consideration of the use of meningococcal polysaccharide vaccine as an alternative in those groups is appropriate when meningococcal conjugate vaccine is unavailable.</i> (The majority of the Committee approved.)</p> <p>A link to the meningococcal disease carriage rates article was posted to the VAC ListServ on August 2.</p>
<p>Adult/Adolescent tetanus/diphtheria/pertussis (Tdap)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ACIP Recommendation • Background information • Anticipated need for Committee recommendation <p>Jan Hicks-Thomson</p>	<p>Two Tdap vaccine products have been licensed. ACIP's formal recommendation is pending. The Committee anticipates a recommendation discussion at its next meeting.</p>	
<p>Vaccine Choice</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Phase one funding and implementation <p>Janna Bardi</p>	<p>DOH requested and received money to pilot a vaccine choice project. The pilot will involve following a cohort of 16,000 children for two years. DOH developed an implementation plan with input from local health. DOH is also planning to get input from the vaccine manufacturers and would invite input from the Committee as well. The project will include surveying parents and providers on how well they like the project. Washington State will be the first universal state to test vaccine choice. Project implementation will be delayed until the first quarter of 2006.</p>	

<p>Updates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Revised VAC purpose statement • DOH Taskforce to develop a recommendation for criteria to use in determining the public health value of vaccine • Vaccine supply • VMBIP and the Public health Advisory Committee <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>The Committee reviewed the revised the VAC Purpose Statement. After discussion, the Committee made a recommendation (in the column to the right).</p>	<p>Recommendation as posted to the Listserv for final approval on July 29: <i>Accept the VAC Purpose Statement with an amendment to include internal medicine representation on the Committee.</i> (The Committee unanimously approved the proposed recommendation)</p>
<p>Visitors – Open Microphone</p> <p>Maxine Hayes</p>	<p>Steven Frawley, Sanofi Pasteur, indicated that there is an ample supply of their Tdap product.</p> <p>Larry Barge, GlaxoSmithKline, spoke about his company’s good track record of supplying vaccines and that they are currently shipping their Tdap product.</p> <p>Cynthia Shurtleff, Immunization Action Coalition of Washington (IACW), said that there are inherent costs in going with vaccine choice. She mentioned that IACW is planning to facilitate a vaccine summit.</p> <p>Amy Jungmann, Thurston County Public Health, asked if parental history of varicella is acceptable. She said that the new ACIP recommendation does not allow for it.</p> <p>Jennifer Erwin, MedImmune, said that they are providing physicians with FluMist samples for their staff.</p> <p>Cindy Smith, Tacoma/Pierce County Health Department, said she is making influenza vaccine ethical decisions again. She said that they</p>	<p><i>Clarification of ACIP’s proposed recommendations on varicella immunity documentation was posted to the Listserv on August 4.</i></p>

	<p>had to sub-categorize on who would get the vaccine.</p> <p>DOH is planning Flu Forums and will be including the MMWR on the flu.</p>	<i>ACIP's influenza recommendations were posted to the ListServ on July 15.</i>
Agenda Items	<p>For October's Meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hepatitis A vaccine use recommendations • Tdap recommendation discussion 	
	Next meeting: October 13, 2005 – SeaTac Doubletree Hotel	